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Presidential Message

Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

The Board of Examiners would like to welcome our two new members Dr. Allan Lowman from Decatur representing District 5 and Dr. Peter DeFranco from Hueytown representing District 6. Both doctors have in excess of twenty years of practice in Alabama and with that bring a wealth of information and understanding of the Alabama Practice Act. I would also like to thank our outgoing members for their service the past eight years Doctors Gerald Collins and Larry Heaton both of whom served as Board President.

The Board was recently asked about the complaint process and number of complaints received and processed. We attempt to review and investigate the complaints in a timely fashion and we actually close a higher percentage with no probable cause (NO PC) than we have to hear in a formal hearing process. Most cases are usually settled without a formal hearing in a consent order stipulating to the violations and any related fines and costs associated with the violations.

The Board is currently working on HB190, a housekeeping bill to address several issues as they relate to Board finances as well as allowing carryover of continuing education

hours in excess of the 18 annual CE requirement. The carryover will allow doctors that are taking extended programs to use their credits the following year. The financial issues relate to a State required accounting program known as STAARS that the Board will be charged \$84,000.00 over a three year period with a yet to be determined maintenance fee to follow the three year initial cost. The Board is attempting to proactively raise a few fees to help offset the increase of the STAARS program as well as increasing the relicensing cap to be used only if necessary. We understand the concerns that everyone is facing in this economy and we are not going to raise anything unless absolutely required to maintain the operations of the Board.

Brian Wells,
President ASBCE



REMINDER

If you have not yet obtained your required chiropractic continuing education hours for the upcoming renewal, please review the seminar's list on pages 2-5 of this newsletter. The renewal process is much easier if you don't wait until the last minute to obtain these hours and submit them to the Board. (18 hours are required for renewal each year with part of those in Alabama Law) Also, if you have purchased your Alabama Section 136 Business (privilege) License for the year 2014-15 you may email a copy to debra.darnell@chiro.alabama.gov or fax it to the Board Office at 205-755-0081.

Online Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

CE4YOU offers the following ONLINE courses until July 2015. For information contact Eric Schmitt, DC at 1-888-612-0996.

1. "AIDS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE"
2. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION IN PRACTICE"
3. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING"
4. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS"
5. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS REVISITED"
6. "INTEGRATIVE MYOFASCIAL RELEASE(IMR)"
7. "LOW TECH REHAB FOR WHIPLASH"
8. "MASSAGE PROTOCOLS"
9. "MUSCLE TESTING & EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION"
10. "RADIOLOGY IN PRACTICE"
11. "REHABILITATION OF THE ATHLETE"
12. "SPINAL TRAUMA"
13. "THE PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC PRACTICE"

Data Trace Publishing offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Kaitlyn Garver at 1-410-494-4994.

1. OUM 2015 REDUCING RISK

DCHours.com offers the following ONLINE courses until September 2015. For information contact Debbie Brendler, at 1-800-811-0269 or click https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs_student/index.cfm?prog=18 for a list of all DC Hours courses approved by Alabama and for registration.

1. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
2. "BASIC CASE MANAGEMENT"
3. "BASIC MRI PART 1"
4. "BASIC MRI PART 2"
5. "BASIC MRI PART 3"
6. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 1"
7. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 2"
8. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 1"
9. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 2"
10. "RADICULOPATHY: PATIENT ASSESSMENT"
11. "SPINAL DECOMPRESSION"
12. "SPINAL PAIN SYNDROMES"
13. "THE NEUROLOGY OF PAIN"
14. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 1"
15. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 2"

DC Online offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Karen Moreau at 1-712-260-2507 or click <https://secure.ecollege.com/mcc/index.learn?action=registration>

1. "A CASE BASED APPROACH TO SOFT TISSUE INJURY"
2. "ACTIVE CARE FOR THE LUMBAR SPINE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
3. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
4. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 4 HOURS"
5. "ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF THE HIP FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
6. "CASE STUDIES CERVICAL SPINE"
7. "ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE"
8. "IMMUNIZATION: MAKING INFORMED CHOICES"
9. "PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE KNEE"
10. "PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES"

11. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN CHIROPRACTIC"
12. "SEGMENTAL DROP ADJUSTING: REVIEW OF THE THOMPSON TECHNIQUE"
13. "SPECIAL POPULATIONS IN CHIROPRACTIC: THE OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENT"
14. "THE SPINE IN SPORT"

National University of Health Sciences offers the following ONLINE course until May 2015. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

1. "CERVICAL PALPATION & MANIPULATION"
2. "COX PART 1 ONLINE: COX CERTIFICATION COURSE"
3. "LOWER EXTREMITY ANALYSIS & MANIPULATION"
4. "LOWER THORACIC, SI, & PELVIS ANALYSIS & MANIPULATION"
5. "MID & UPPER THORACIC PALPATION & MANIPULATION"
6. "UPPER EXTREMITY ANALYSIS & MANIPULATION"

Palmer College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE: TRACK 1"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC EVALUATION"
3. "CLINICAL IMAGING 6"
4. "ORTHOPEdic ASSESSMENT AND INTERPRETATION"

Parker University offers the following ONLINE courses until April 2015. For information contact Teresa Wright at 1-800 266-4723.

1. "BOUNDARIES WITH PATIENTS: CONFIDENTIALITY & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT"
2. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING PROTOCOLS: THE FOOT"
3. "FROM THE GROUND UP-GLOBAL POSTURAL PATTERNS OF THE HUMAN BODY 2014"
4. "INTRO TO FUNCTIONAL TAPING"
5. "NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS"
6. "PEDIATRIC EVALUATIONS MADE EASY"
7. "POWER OF SELF HEALING"
8. "RADIOLOGY SEARCH & RESCUE: THE ESTRASPINAL THORAX"
9. "RADIOLOGY SEARCH & RESCUE: ESTRASPINAL FINDINGS FOR LUMBAR SPINE / ABDOMEN"
10. "SUPPLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ATHLETE"
11. "UNDERSTANDING SCOLIOSIS"
12. "WHEN PHILOSOPHY & MEDICAL NECESSITY COLLIDE-HOW TO REDUCE RISKS AUDITS"

Texas Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE course until April 2015. For information contact Arely Espitia at 1-281-998-6061.

1. "DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF LOW BACK PAIN"
2. "DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF NECK AND ARM PAIN"
3. "DIAGNOSIS IMAGING OF SPORTS TRAUMA"
4. "DOCUMENTATION"
5. "ETHICS AND RISK"
6. "HIPAA AND COMPLIANCE"

Online Seminars Continued

7. "MEDICARE DOCUMENTATION"

University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

1. "ATHLETIC TIPS CERTIFICATION SEMINAR"
2. "ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW (RULES AND REGULATIONS)"
3. "ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS 301"
4. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION 201-202"
5. "MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITION 208-211"
6. "MANUAL MUSCLE TESTING 201-206"
7. "NEUROLOGY 115-116"
8. "NEUROLOGY 117-121"
9. "PHYSICAL THERAPY 101-105"
10. "SOFT TISSUE INJURIES 106"

11. "XRAY 147-153"

University of Western States offers the following ONLINE courses until October 2015. For information contact Marsh Peoples Jack at 1-503-847-2550.

1. "ANCILLARY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PROCEDURES"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC GUIDE TO SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE"
3. "CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS MEDICINE"
4. "GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
5. "PAIN MANAGEMENT"
6. "SPORTS INJURIES"

BOARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Applications Sent	11
Transcripts Processed	14
New License Issued	18
License Verifications	701
Complaints Received	5
Disciplinary Hearings	1
Outgoing Correspondence	4052
Continuing Education Reviewed	78

Board Policy Regarding Academic Courses as CCE

The Board recently received an inquiry as to the policy regarding using academic courses for use as continuing education hours required for renewal. The Board will consider original transcripts from a CCE accredited institution if submitted with a written request for use as continuing education on a case by case basis.

Upcoming Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

Fetterman Events presents the following course. For information contact Kris Fetterman at 517-983-2060.

"Chiro Treatment of Shoulders & Common Injuries" 12 hours May 7 in Mobile, AL.

First Adjustment presents the following course. For information contact Anastasia Line at 559-291-7800.

"Family Wellness Chiropractic" 12 hours April 25-16 in Atlanta, GA.

Florida Chiropractic Association presents the following course. For information contact Jennifer Porro at 407-654-3225.

"FCA Spring Convention & Expo 2015" 77 hours April 16-19 in Jacksonville, FL.

International Chiropractic Pediatric Association presents the following courses. For information contact Corinne Pitts at 610-565-2360.

"Neurology of the VSC & Thompson Technique 2" 12 hours June 11-12 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Research: Evidenced Informed Practice" 12 hours June 13-14 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Techniques: Thompson & Logan" 12 hours May 9-10 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Bridging the Gap Between Crisis Care & Optimal Function" 12 hours April 11-12 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Perinatal Care & Webster Certification Seminars" 13 hours April 25-26 in Ft. Atlanta, GA.

Life University presents the following courses. For information contact Melissa Scharffenberg at 770-426-2753.

"ABCA 2015 National Conference" 12 hours June 25-27 in Marietta, GA.

"CCEP-MOD 3: Advanced Principles of Lower Extremity Adjusting" 15 hours April 18-19 in Marietta, GA.

"CCEP MOD 4: Advanced Principles of Foot, Gait, and Orthotics" 15 hours May 30-31 in Marietta, GA.

"ICA Annual Convention: Focus" 12 hours May 1-2 in Marietta, GA.

"Spinal Correction Workshop" 12 hours May 15-16 in Celebration, FL.

Logan University presents the following course. For information contact Ralph Barrale, DC at 800-842-3234.

"Class IV Laser Therapy in Clinical Practice" 8 hours May 30 and June 20 in Franklin, TN.

National University of Health Sciences presents the following course. For information Jenna Glenn, DC at 630-889-6622.

"Neoplastic Disease" 24 hours April 10-12 in Orlando, FL.

New York Chiropractic College presents the following course. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 516-796-5923.

"Continuing Education Symposium" 10 hours May 1-3 in Gulfport, MS.

Northwestern Health Sciences University presents the following courses. For information contact Sara George at 952-885-5446.

"Heathy Aging" 12 hours May 30-31 in Jacksonville, FL.

"Laserology" 12 hours April 11-12 in Atlanta, GA.

Palmer College presents the following courses. For information contact Kati Sproston at 563-884-5715.

"Gonstead Technique 2 - 2015" 15 hours April 24-25 in Atlanta, GA.

"Nature Versus Nurture Reconsidered" 18 hours April 23-26 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Sherman College of Chiropractic presents the following courses. For information contact Debbie Cordero at 864-578-8770.

"Atlas Orthogonal Advanced" 12 hours May 16-17 in Atlanta, GA.

"Florida Chiropractic Society" 35 hours June 5-7 in Orlando, FL.

Texas Chiropractic College presents the following course. For information contact Mary Denby at 281-998-6027.

"Functional Blood Chemistry" 12 hours May 2-3 in Kennesaw, GA.

University of Bridgeport presents the following courses. For information contact Marie Jeffries, or

Eileen Herlihy-Sanitago at 203-576-4880.

"FCPA CE Seminar May 2-3, 2015" max 20 hours
May 2-3 in Palm Beach, FL.

"Integrative Detox System" 7 hours May 23 in
Atlanta, GA.

"Low Level Laser Therapy: Translating Evidence
Based Science to Clinical Practice" 4 hours April 23
in Orlando, FL.

"Mastering Brain Chemistry" 22 hours May 1-3 in
Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Mastering the Thyroid" 20 hours June 5-7 in
Tampa, FL.

University of Western States presents the
following course. For information contact Marsha
Peoples Jack 503-251-5719

"Graston Technique" 12 hours April 8 - 9 in Orlan-
do, FL, May 16 - 17 in Tampa, FL, May 30 - 31 in
Nashville, TN, and June 13 - 14 in Miami, FL.

Question Received by the Board

Since I took the 2 hours of Alabama Law last year do I need it this year?

Yes, you must have 2 hours each year in Alabama Law. These hours may be taken online in addition to the 6 online hours you are allowed each year for renewal.

That would be a total of 8 online hours each year. (Ten total online hours for first year licensees who are required to obtain 4 hours of Alabama Law.)

The following rules were adopted and became effective February 25, 2015. Please become familiar with these to avoid future violations of these rules. Please click the following link for the entire rules

[ASBCE Rules](#)

**The following rule was amended to establish fees associated with non-licensed owner permits:
Rule 190-X-1-.18 Fees**

**The following rule was amended to clarify the requirement that each applicant supply I-9 documents:
Rule 190-X-2-.01 Requirements for Licensure by Examination**

New Faces on the Board



Congratulations to Dr. Peter J. DeFranco who now represents the Sixth Congressional District, replacing Dr. Gerald Collins.

Dr. Peter J. DeFranco is a native Alabamian who received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he majored in Biology, and minored in Chemistry. In 1985, he graduated from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Illinois, and has been serving the health care needs of Hueytown, Alabama for almost 30 years.

Dr. DeFranco is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, Chiropractic Society of Alabama, Florida Chiropractic Association, Florida Chiropractic Society and the Jefferson County Chiropractic Society. In the past he has also served as Secretary and President of the Board of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association. In addition he has served as Treasurer, Secretary and President of the Jefferson County Chiropractic Association.

During his career, he has twice been elected "Young Chiropractor of the Year" and once elected "Chiropractor of the Year" by the Alabama State Chiropractic Association. Dr. DeFranco is also the recipient of the 2014 Cahaba Advocate of the Year Award.

Dr. DeFranco is a licensed private and instrument rated pilot who enjoys exploring/traveling in his private airplane around the southeast. When he is not flying he enjoys college football, surf fishing and traveling to Europe.



Congratulations to Dr. Travis A. Lowman who now represents the Fifth Congressional District, replacing Dr. Larry Heaton.

Dr. Lowman is a native of Haleyville, Alabama. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Auburn University. Dr. Lowman then graduated from Life University with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. He graduated Cum Laude and received the Excellence Award in the Life University senior intern program in 1990. He has practiced in Decatur, AL for over twenty years where he resides with his wife and children.

****Reminder for 2015-16 Renewal****

The same as last years renewal you must have all your documentation in to the Board Office (2) two business days prior to being able to access the online renewal. Please have all your documentation in to the Board office by Wednesday, August 12 if you wish to be able to renew when the Renewal Application opens on August 15, 2015.

You will need to submit all documentation to the Board prior to September 28, 2015 to allow time for all information to be entered into the system so it will allow you to log in on September 30, 2015 to renew without accruing late fees.

As always the best time to submit your documentation is as soon as you receive your certificates for continuing education and as soon as you purchase your Section 136 State of Alabama Business License. Please email to debra.darnell@chiro.alabama.gov or fax to 205-755-0081.

**Important Notice****Citizenship Documentation Request**

Per Section Sixteen of the Immigration Act – Citizenship and Legal Presence of Professional Licensees each person who receives a professional license from a board/commission must demonstrate that they are either a United States Citizen or legally present in the United States. The Board recently requested each licensee / permit holder submit verification to the Board to comply with this Act. If you have not yet submitted your documentation to the Board office please do so as soon as possible.

If this documentation is not received prior to the 2015-16 Online Renewal Applications opening you will not be able to login to renew until acceptable documentation is received.

As of March 30 we still haven't received the required documentation from 147 licensees and 22 Non Licensed Clinic Owners.

Disciplinary Actions

Kenneth G. Edwards, DC (Tuscaloosa, AL) License # 0829 - Board order finding violations of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(1), § 34-24-166(b)(3), § 34-24-166(b)(11) and § 34-24-166(b)(14) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$10,000. License on probation for 2 years.

Ingrid Cook, DC (Birmingham, AL) License # 2037 - Consent order entered finding violations of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(3), § 34-24-166(b)(7), § 34-24-166(b)(11) and § 34-24-166(b)(13) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$3,500.

Complaints Received

The Board has received 17 complaints to date this fiscal year and 6 have been resolved without any action. Several others are still pending investigation

Condolences

Dr. D. Keith Cooper. Dr. Cooper graduated Palmer Chiropractic College in 1957 and received his Alabama license in 1960.

He lived and practiced in Robertsdale, Alabama.

Dr. Cooper served as Executive Secretary of the Board for many years.

The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Cooper.

Congratulations to those licensed since January 2015



Kelly J. Burwell
Haley N. Wilkins

Of Clarksville, TN
Of Decatur, AL

DATES TO CALENDAR

The Board will meet:

April 17, 2015
Clanton Board Office

May 15, 2015
Clanton Board Office

June 12, 2015
Clanton Board Office

2015 State Holidays

The Board Office will be closed on the following:

Confederate Memorial Day April 27

National Memorial Day May 25

Jefferson Davis' Birthday June 1

OUR MISSION

To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.

OUR VISION

To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.

OUR VALUES

Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.

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